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Mosco were serge perso order serge	ecember 1952, a new order was issued by we stating that only squad or platoon to be NCOs (junior sergeants, sergean earts major). Until December 1952, supported, mechanics, and drivers were enterested that NCOs who were not squad earts would be permitted to remain NCOs what their replacements would not be g	leaders and first serges its, senior sergeants, as apply personnel, orderly s itled to be NCOs. The so or platoon leaders or first until their demobilization	ants nd room new irst ation,
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-	The same order froze all EM in their present grades and abolished promotions for all EM except new squad and platoon leaders.		
was t ship	The official explanation for this order was that the grade of sergeant was to be strengthened by being conferred only upon men with actual leader-ship responsibilities. The officers, however, believed that the real reason for the order was economy.		

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